

## **Ministerial Decision Concerning the Courts of State Security**

Having reviewed the Amended Basic Law,  
Having reviewed the Law of the Formation of Regular Courts No. 5 of 2001,  
Having reviewed the Judicial Authority Law No. 1 of 2002,  
Having reviewed the Law of Penal Procedure No. 3 of 2001,  
In implementation of the Decisions of the Legislative Council No. 372, 390, and  
400 in this regard,  
Based upon the directives of the President of the Palestinian National Authority,  
Based upon the powers bestowed upon me, and  
In accomplishment of the following,

**I hereby decide the following:**

### **Article 1**

The function of the Courts of State Security and the Prosecution of State Security shall be terminated, and their capacities shall devolve to the regular courts to exercise them pursuant to the provisions of the law.

### **Article 2**

The Public Prosecution shall assume the responsibility for following up with all cases which the Courts of State Security examined in the past and shall commence its capacities thereon pursuant to provisions of the law.

### **Article 3**

The registers and assets of the Courts of State Security and its Prosecution shall devolve to the Public Prosecution so as to implement the legal requirements.

### **Article 4**

This decision shall enter into force as of the date of its promulgation and shall be published in the Official Gazette.

**Issued in the city of Gaza on 27 July, 2003 AD.**

**Abdul Kareem Abu Salah**  
**Minister of Justice**